

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting of Tuesday, 03 March 2015  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

**MINUTES**

**1.** The meeting was **called to order** at 5:02p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Prescott Powers, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn. *Others present:* Kimberly Blair (staff), Jay O’Keefe, Curt Vincente.

**2. Scott’s retirement.** Jay presented Scott, who is resigning, with a plaque honoring him for 15 years of service on the Committee; he is the last of the Committee’s original members to step down.

**3. Eagleville Schoolhouse.** Curt reported that no decision has yet been made about the use of this building, now that Joshua’s Trust has moved out. The building would probably need upgrading for any public use; there are accessibility issues. The Town is considering commissioning a facilities study, which would inventory all Town buildings—including the Old Eagleville Schoolhouse – and assess their suitability for various uses. Curt and Jay left the meeting.

**4.** The draft **minutes** of the 2/03/15 meeting were approved as written.

**5. Committee vacancies.** Scott’s departure leaves three vacancies on the Committee. Kim Blair has tried to interest instructors at the Community School of the Arts, so far without success. Kim Bova will ask Peggy Church for names of Mansfield artists. David will e-mail arts people in his address book a general invitation to apply for Committee membership.

**6. Application to exhibit art form.** David distributed what he hopes is the final version of the revised application to exhibit art at the MCC and other Town venues. He asked Committee members to review it sentence-by-sentence for final approval at the April meeting.

**7. Policy on exhibiting prize-winning works of art at the MCC.** David’s revised draft of this policy was accepted with a slight condensation of its second sentence. The approved policy, which should be accessible via a link on the Committee’s web page, is attached.

**8. Invitation to exhibit letter.** Tom’s letter inviting artists to apply to exhibit at the MCC was approved, with a slight change that the final sentence of the first paragraph be split in two; it is attached. David will ask Peggy Church to forward it to Quiet Corner artists.

**9. MCC exhibits.**

- No new applications to exhibit have been received.
- Prescott has contacted other art teachers at his school in Pomfret about exhibiting at the MCC.
- Kim Blair reported that Nancy Bunnell, who teaches art classes at the MCC, seems interested in exhibiting her work but has not yet submitted an application.
- Kim Bova will contact Kim Gilmore at Vinton and Karen Anger at Goodwin about exhibiting **Mansfield school student art** for the 4/15 to 5/31 period. She isn’t sure whether Tom has talked to anyone about this.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double- sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
01/15 – 04/14					Andrew Facchinetti (mixed media)	
04/15 – 05/31	Mansfield school art?			Mansfield school art?		

**10. Festival on the Green Art Show.** Kim Bova indicated that the person who has organized this show in the past wants to unload some of the associated chores – or to do away with the show entirely. Kim doesn't think the ACC is up to taking the whole job on, but she hopes that can provide enough assistance so that the show doesn't disappear. The Committee needs to see a list of tasks that need doing before deciding what contribution it can make. Kim will ask for one.

**11. Adjourned** at 5:55p. Next meeting: 5:00p, Tuesday, 07 April 2015. After adjournment, the Committee enjoyed snacks and sparkling cider in a farewell party for Scott.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 04 March 2015.

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Attachment 1: Policy on exhibiting prize-winning works of art at the MCC.

The Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee (AAC) welcomes inquiries from organizations that would like to have winning submissions to a juried art show displayed at the Mansfield Community Center (MCC). However, any general agreement between the organization and the ACC to display prize-winning works is conditional: works exhibited at the MCC must be approved by the AAC in accordance with the procedures and guidelines of the MCC Art Display Policy (February 2008). A statement to this effect should be included in the submission guidelines for the juried art show. A suggested statement follows.

Any artist wishing to have his work displayed at the Mansfield Community Center as a result of this juried art show must make sure that his submitted work meets the "Suitability for a family setting" clause of the MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER ART DISPLAY POLICY found below.

"Works will not be accepted for display if the AAC judges that they are very likely to upset children or would likely trigger a warning that some viewers may find them offensive, were they to be exhibited in an art museum. These include:

- Graphic depictions of sexuality or violence.
- Works that appear designed to ridicule deeply held beliefs or to disparage others for their race, gender or sexual identity, ethnicity, nationality, etc. Since works of art are generally open to interpretation, it may be difficult to determine whether a work belongs in this category. Nonetheless, the AAC may reject works that it considers offensive for this reason."

## Attachment 2: Invitation to exhibit letter

Dear Visual Artist,

The Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee would like to invite you to exhibit a selection of your creative work at the Mansfield Community Center, 10 S. Eagleville Rd., Storrs. The Center is an active and vital part of the new Downtown Storrs and averages between 400 and 500 visitors daily. The Center has wall space for flat work and wall cases for 3-dimensional objects. Past exhibits have included paintings, drawings, sculpture, fine craft arts, and photography. The exhibition schedule accommodates eight to twelve week periods. Exhibited works can be insured, and labels and text panels can be provided.

To request the opportunity to exhibit, please fill out the application form which can be found either at the reception desk of the Community Center or on the Town of Mansfield, Parks and Recreation web site (go to [MansfieldCC.com](http://MansfieldCC.com); under "Forms, Maps, and Schedules," click on "Art: Application to Exhibit Art").

We hope you will consider the Community Center as a venue for exhibiting your art.

Sincerely,

Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee